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SUBJECT: ARAB LABOR CONFERENCE SUPPORTING PALESTINIANS

REF: TRIPOLI 1221

1. ADD EGYPTIANS TO LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN SUBJECT CONFERENCE. EGYPTIAN LABOR FEDERATION SOURCE INFORMED LRO SEPT. 22 THAT IT HAS DECIDED TO ACCEPT INVITATION TO ATTEND. HIGH LEVEL DELEGATION LED BY EFL VP SAYYED ZEFTAWI AND INCLUDEING SECY FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS HASSAN EID, ASST. SECY GEN ABDUL RAHMAN KHIDR, AND MOHAMED SIMAN OF WAR PRODUCTION WORKERS UNION WILL LEAVE CAIRO OCTOBER 2. AHMED BULTIYYA, TRAVELLING SEPARATELY AND IN STRICTLY ICATU CAPACITY, MAY ALSO BE ON HAND.

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2. SOURCE MADE IT CLEAR THAT VENUE IS NOT IDEAL FROM EGYPTIAN

VIEWPOINT BUT POINTED OUT THAT HOOK OF SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIANS CAPABLE OF PULLING EGYPTIANS JUST ABOUT ANYWHERE. AS FAR AS LIBYA CONCERNED, EFL HAS STRESSED TO PRIMIN SALIM ITS FIRM BELIEF THAT A BREAK IN RELATIONS WOULD DESTROY CHANCES FOR DIALOGUE AND THAT MORE PRUDENT FOR THE FUTURE TO LEAVE DOOR TO TRIPOLI OPEN AT LEAST A CRACK.

3. EGYPTIANS BELIEVE CONFERENCE LIKELY TO BE FAIRLY FRATERNAL AND THAT IT WILL MAKE DISTINCTION BETWEEN POLICIES OF SPECIFIC GOVERNMENTS, SUCH AS POTENTIAL FLAK-CATCHER SYRIA, AND BROTHER WORKERS. FOR SAME REASON, THEY DO NOT EXPECT SERIOUS TROUBLE FROM LIBYANS. ADDITIONALLY, GOE ATTITUDE TOWARDS PALESTINIANS MANIFESTLY CORRECT. US LIKELY TO COME IN FOR USUAL DOSE OF ABUSE. LPO WAS ASSURED. HOWEVER, THAT PRO-WESTERN ZEFTAWI WILL DO WHAT HE CAN TO SOFTEN TONE OF RESOLUTIONS.

4. FOR BERLIN: EGYPTIAN OBLIGATIONS TO SOLIDARITY WITH PALESTINIAN WILL SUPPOSEDLY FORCE THEM TO ATTEND SIMILARE CONFERENCE GOR SAID TO BE HOSTING IN KARL MARX STADT IN LATE OCTOBER. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BACKGROUND YOU OR OTHER ADDRESSEES CAN PROVIDE.

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